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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

*Spotlight
on the Arts*

continues through

May 17. Information:

- www.fairfaxspotlight.org •
- 703-352-ARTS •

City Government Offices Close May 26

City government offices will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

General District Court will be closed; 703-385-7866.

CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule; 703-385-7859.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open; 703-385-8414.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected Monday, May 26. Those with regular Monday and Tuesday service should place their items at the curb for collection on Tuesday, May 27; 703-385-7837.

Real Estate Tax Bills Mailed

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills will be mailed in May. For information, call 703-385-7904. Property owners who directly pay this tax but do not receive a bill should call 703-385-7904. Those who receive a bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should forward the bill to their mortgage company.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

New Public Art Policy Helps City Create Sense of Identity

The City of Fairfax is unique — and public art can help develop a distinctive sense of place, both physically and culturally.

The city furthers this over-arching goal by promoting its expanding public art program.

Among the art currently on display in the city is a stainless steel sculpture of a bicyclist in the City Hall Atrium (pictured, above). Future display on City Hall grounds is planned.

Immediately outside the City Hall Atrium is a stamped concrete monolith dedicated in February 2009 to honor and recognize the relationship between the City of Fairfax and George Mason University (pictured, right).

The City Council adopted a public art policy at its January 14 meeting, and

the Commission on the Arts is working with city staff to develop guidelines to implement the public art policy, including the process of public art selection, the implementation of arts projects, and the selection of site placements within the city.

For information, call 703-352-ARTS.



Above:
The Cyclist by
Larry Morris,
in partnership
with Donnegan
Company

Right:
Fenwick Farrisite by
Mark Sistik, in
partnership with
George Mason
University



Parks and Rec Presents Strategic Master Draft Action Plan at May 14 Workshop

The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its final strategic plan public workshop at 7 p.m. May 14 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

At this workshop, the department will present its draft findings, recommendations and Draft Action Plan for review and comments.

The plan will be available for review after

the workshop and on the multilingual website www.ourparksourfuture.com.

Also on the Our Parks, Our Future website are opportunities for public participation and an introductory video on the process.

A strategic master plan is a clear, concise and measurable set of goals, policies and objectives to provide direction of future development, redevelopment, and enhancement of the city parks system.

For information, call 703-385-7858.





NEWS & NOTES

MISS REPRESENTATION
a documentary film by Jennifer Siebel Newsom

PRESENTED BY:
City of Fairfax
Commission for Women

A DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT WOMEN & THE MEDIA


FREE SCREENING
June 1, 2014
2:00pm

City Hall Annex
10455 Armstrong St.
Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact: 703-385-7894
TTY: 711
Email: cfw@fairfaxva.gov

Join us for a 90-minute viewing of the film followed by a brief discussion with Professor Suzanne Scott Constantine, faculty affiliate for Women and Gender Studies, George Mason University.

For more information on the film please visit
<http://film.missrepresentation.org/>

 [Post on Facebook](#)

Farmers Markets Begin May 10, 11

Two long-standing farmers markets are held May 10 through November 1 at the corner of West and Main streets in the city. For information, call 703-642-0128.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The Sunday Farmers Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

SafeAssured ID Kits Available May 10

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits for children by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 703-273-2889.

The SafeAssured ID System provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child, and vital personal information. This vital information is accessible only by law enforcement and may be used for flyers or other communication.

City Pit Stop Open for Bike to Work Day May 16

The city and Fairfax Mason to Metro Bicycle Task Group will provide a pit stop May 16 during Bike to Work Day. The pit stop will be open 6-9 a.m. May 16 at Main Street Marketplace, 10268 Main Street. For information, call 800-745-7433.

Antique Car Show to be Held May 17

View antique cars — and see a Ford Model-T rebuilt in 15 minutes — at the Antique Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17 at 10455 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall). This area of Armstrong Street will be closed to traffic during the event.

The show is presented by Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club, the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the city. For information, call 703-273-6097.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Set for May 24; Flags Accepted

City residents may submit governmental flags, including U.S. service flags, for retirement from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 24 in the Quantico National Cemetery, 18424 Joplin Road, Quantico. Flag retirement ceremonies will be held every hour during the event.

Residents may take flags to the event or take them to 3606 Colony Road, Fairfax. For information, call 540-623-0167.

State Sales Tax Holiday in Effect May 25-31

The Commonwealth of Virginia has established a sales tax holiday May 25-31 to help with hurricane and emergency preparedness equipment.

During this time, generators, inverters and inverter power cables costing \$1,000 or less, and other supplies costing

\$60 or less — from bottled water to batteries to insulated lunch bags — will be exempt from Virginia sales tax. For information, visit www.tax.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8031.

Residents Asked to Participate in CUE Bus Survey via Postcard

City residents who ride — or don't ride — the CUE Bus or University Shuttle have a chance to say what they think: postcards have been mailed to a number of city residents as part of a joint survey on ridership and rider patterns of the systems by George Mason University and the City of Fairfax.

Please consider participating: your response is vital in helping determine how to best serve your transportation needs. For information, call 703-385-7889.

Museum Seeks Independence Day Parade Photos

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center is seeking photographs of past City of Fairfax Independence Day parades.

These images will be incorporated into a video presentation to be shown at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center in July 2014 and then added to the city's Historic Collections.

Digital images may be e-mailed to Susan Inskeep Gray at susan.gray@fairfaxva.gov. Prints or slides may be mailed to or dropped off at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030). Images will be scanned and returned to the owner. For information, call 703-385-8415.

Fire Department Receives Grant for Training Center

The City of Fairfax Fire Department received a \$5,000 grant from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to install a dry-piped sprinkler system in a building at the department's training center.

The sprinkler system holds a dual-purpose for the department, allowing firefighters to safely and effectively plan for a live fire emergency on a working sprinkler system, while also protecting the training center in the event of a live fire occurring at the facility.

For information, call 703-385-7940.

General Election Set for May 6

In-Person Absentee Voting Available Saturday, May 3

Registered voters in the City of Fairfax may cast ballots in the May 6 General Election for Mayor (one position), City Council (six positions) and School Board (five positions). Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Sample ballots are available online and from the General Registrar's Office.

At the city's six polling locations, voter parking and polls will be clearly marked. Polling locations will be in use for other purposes, such as schools, daycare, church services or government services, so voters are reminded to travel

carefully in these areas.

Voters should bring identification, such as a driver's license, Voter ID card or military ID card, to the polls; those without identification will be required to provide a copy of acceptable ID to the Electoral Board by noon on May 9.

After polls close, preliminary election results will be posted as they are available on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, the city's website and the Virginia State Board of Elections website.

For information, e-mail Registrar@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7890.

Phone Scams Include Impersonation of Sheriff Deputies, IRS, Utility Companies

The City of Fairfax Police Department asks the public to be aware of multiple fraudulent schemes involving telephone callers attempting to defraud unknowing victims. Among the current scams are:

- Callers purporting to be Fairfax County deputy sheriffs tell citizens they failed to report for jury duty and must pay a court fee or be arrested.
- Callers state the resident owes back taxes to the IRS, threatening deportation, loss of citizenship and imprisonment if a large sum is not paid immediately.
- Callers pretend to be a representative of

the electric company and threatening to turn off electric service without immediate payment.

- Callers have impersonated grandchildren begging for bail money to stay out of jail in a foreign countries.

These scammer may request Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, utility account numbers and may accept payments on money cards or credit cards. Citizens who receive phone calls with these or similar suspicious demands to hang up immediately and not provide any personal information. For information, call 703-385-7924.

Route 123 Bridge Replacement Continues

Construction to replace the aging bridge over Accotink Creek on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road at Kenmore Drive has begun, and is expected to continue through autumn.

During the bridge replacement, northbound Chain Bridge Road traffic will be detoured. Southbound traffic will not be detoured unless it is required for safety reasons, but lanes will shift in the work zone.

Sidewalks in the work zone will be closed. Pedestrians should follow the Chain Bridge Road detour. (See map, right.)

The detour will be in place for most of the duration of the project. Consider University Drive as an alternate north-south route to avoid the work zone.

Receive road condition alerts

via eMAS, the city electronic message alert system. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7810.

Chain Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Detour Map



Place Trash, Recycling at the Curb Just for a Day

Remember to be courteous to your neighbors when placing trash and recyclables at the curb for collection: remove them promptly.

Trash and recycling may be placed at the curb for collection no sooner than dusk the evening before collection. Please return empty containers to your property by dusk the day of collection.

Some items may be at the curb longer. For example, yard and home improvement debris from do-it-yourself jobs can be placed at the curb the weekend before collection.

Remember, the city does not collect debris from contractors, including builders and gardeners. Contractors must provide their own debris removal.

Keep Bones, Meat Out of Compost Piles

Compost piles recycle organic waste, reduce the amount of trash at the curb and provide natural and healthy fertilizer.

The types of items that should be put in compost piles include leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste; apple cores, potato peels and other organic debris.

Please refrain from putting these types of items in a compost pile: animal meat and organs; bones; and vegetables with dressing or oils. These attract animals and do not decompose.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Check out these flyers:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy, visit the city's website or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Police Chief Rappoport Retires

After 13 years as chief of the City of Fairfax Police Department, Richard J. Rappoport is retiring, effective May 9. The public is invited to a community reception in his honor from 6-7 p.m. May 13 in the City Hall Atrium.

Community policing expanded during Rappoport's tenure, with the establishment of the Citizen Police Academy and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), bringing talented and committed city residents deep into the department and established long-term relationships.

The city's modern police headquarters and station was constructed during this time as well.

The chief's investment in accelerated training cultivated a team of professional law enforcement officials at every level, despite an unprecedented number of experienced officers retiring in a short period of time.

Rappoport began his career in 1976 as a police officer, spending 24 years with the Fairfax County Police Department, ultimately serving as its deputy chief of administration.

Deputy Chief Carl Pardiny has been appointed acting police chief.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

Qualified residential structures must be at least 15 years old. Improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. Homeowners must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home *before* construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Ride of the Patriots is May 25; Affects Fairfax Boulevard Traffic

Join the Memorial Day celebrations May 25 with a hometown parade and the annual Ride of the Patriots.

This ride honors military and public safety personnel and is a staging area for Rolling Thunder, a national motorcycle event.

From 6:30-9:30 a.m. May 25, eastbound Fairfax Boulevard will be closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle to accommodate thousands of motorcycles expected to line up for the ride. During this time, westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle will become a two-way street.

The parade will step off at 7:30 a.m.

on eastbound Fairfax Boulevard from Capt. Pell's Crab House near Plantation Parkway and will end at Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Boulevard.

Opening ceremonies begin at 8:05 a.m. at Patriot Harley-Davidson.

Beginning at 9 a.m., motorcycle riders will depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators. Veterans groups will sell food and drinks on the route. Parking is available at Fairfax High School and the Fairfax Circle shopping center.

For information, visit www.rideof-thepatriots.com or call 703-352-5400.

Speakers Available for Community Group Meetings

**City of Fairfax
Fire Department
703-273-8109**

**City of Fairfax
Police Department
703-385-7960**

**Mason
Speakers Bureau
703-993-8761**

Volunteers Sought for City and Regional Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one vacancy for position with fire protection experience) — Acts on applications for appeals from building official decisions based on the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code which relate to the technical aspects of building maintenance regulations and to all of the other provisions of such code. Meets as needed.
- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for alternate position) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Sets program policies and serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (one vacancy for city representative) — Advises local government about the service needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities and implements the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees** (one vacancy for city resident) — Establishes and enacts policies, and approves annual budget for library services to be submitted to appropriate governing body, and selects and appoints Director of Public Libraries. Meets the second Wednesday of every month.
- **Fairfax County Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city representative) — Coordinates resources in the community; promotes awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation; educates the community about the organ and tissue donation process; and increases the number of Fairfax County organ and tissue donors.
- **Health Systems Agency for Northern Virginia** (one vacancy for city representative) — Plans for the health-care needs of the area and works with other regional groups on health-care issues.
- **Planning Commission** (one vacancy for city representative) — Serves in an advisory capacity to the city council and plans for the future development of the city. Prepares and reviews the *Comprehensive Plan*; reviews subdivision and site plan submission; and makes recommendations to city council on Capital Improvement Program, rezonings and text amendments.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



MAY

CITYSCREEN-12 SCHEDULE

Candidates Night

The Candidates Night sponsored by the City of Fairfax Homeowners' Association will play following scheduled meetings and meeting replays May 1-6, at 5 pm May 1-6 and at 10 am May 5. The show is archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

Election Results

Election results from the May 6 General Election will be posted on CityScreen-12 when they are available after polls close.

The Fairfax Scene

Enjoy highlights from the International Children's Festival in May. *The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm May 1-6 and 2 pm and 6 pm May 7-31. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, May 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, May 6, 10 am;
Thursday, May 8, 10 am, 7 pm;
Monday, May 19, 10 am, 7 pm;
Tuesday, May 20, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, May 22, 10 am, 7 pm;
Archived online May 6

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, May 12, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, May 13, 10 am;
Thursday, May 15, 10 am, 7 pm;
Archived online May 13

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Replays from 4/30 special meeting (which includes FY 2014-15 budget approval):

Friday, May 2, 10 am, 7 pm;
Saturday, May 3, 10 am, 7 pm;

Sunday, May 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online May 1

Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, May 14, 10 am, 7 pm;
Friday, May 16, 10 am, 7 pm;
Saturday, May 17, 10 am, 7 pm;
Sunday, May 18, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online May 14

OnDEMAND replay begins May 18

Tuesday, May 27, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, May 28, 10 am, 7 pm;
Friday, May 30, 10 am, 7 pm;
Saturday, May 31, 10 am, 7 pm;
Sunday, June 1, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online May 28

OnDEMAND replay begins June 1

Encore!

Enjoy an encore musical performance at 4 pm daily.

Programming is subject to change — see CityScreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

**Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council****School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)***May 5 regular meeting*

- Student representative report.
- Presentation on summer school plans.

May 19 work session

- End-of-Year Reports from City School Board Representatives to Fairfax County Public School Committees: Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities, Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee, Student Health Advisory Committee; , Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council, Facilities Planning Advisory Council.
- High School Start Times Update
- Finalize June 7, 2014 School Board annual retreat agenda.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)*May 12 regular meeting*

- Consideration of an application to approve the subdivision of 3675 Old Lee Highway.
- Work session on a proposed rezoning of 3500 and 3504 Chain Bridge Road (Cobbs Grove) for planned development.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)*May 13 regular meeting and work session*

- Presentation by the National Weather Service Storm Ready Board for award of the designation as a Storm Ready Community.
- Public hearing and Council action on an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14, Article III pertaining to home child care facility standards.
- Discussion of potential city incentives for redevelopment projects.

May 27 regular meeting and work session

- Introduction: of an ordinance to amend retirement program for general employees; of an ordinance to amend retirement program for public safety employees; of appropriation resolutions for the fiscal year 2014-15 budget; of an appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2013-14 grants; of supplemental appropriations for nondiscretionary spending for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Public hearings: on a redevelopment project at Circle Plaza; on a request for an extension to the special use permit for the Fairfax High School temporary structures.
- Discussion on the request for the redevelopment of Novus Fairfax Gateway.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

March 25, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a task order to A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. for project inspection and oversight consultant services for Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50) reconstruction and paving.
- Approved, unanimously, the request to sell two cemetery sites to James A. Sabatino.

Public hearings

- Public hearing on the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15; public hearing remains open until April 30.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution to approve the request for 11123 Lee Highway Associates for a special exception pursuant to City Code to reduce the amount of off-street parking at 11123 - 11149 Lee Highway, with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt an ordinance that amends, redesignates a new chapter and adds a new chapter to the City Code pertaining to cross-connection control and backflow prevention.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance renewing and granting, through March 31, 2024, a non-exclusive cable television franchise to CoxCom, LLC d/b/a Cox Communications Northern Virginia.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, 5-1, that the City Council advertise a proposed 2014 real estate tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed value. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, Schmidt and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Meyer.*)
- Approved, unanimously, to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for April 8, 2014 for an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$60,000 to begin phase one of the police firearms training center project; and to direct staff to proceed with the preparation, negotiation and execution of the necessary legal documents needed to establish a partnership with George Mason University and the City of Falls Church.

April 8, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to real property tax exemptions, deferrals and freezes for certain elderly or disabled taxpayers (public hearing April 22); Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to the calculation of rental relief for elderly or disabled persons (public hearing April 22); Introduction of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Layton Hall Limited Partnership to install and maintain two storm sewer outfalls within a portion of the city's right-of-way for a period of five years (public hearing April 22); Introduction of an ordinance to affect the financing required for the development and improvement of city-owned downtown properties, to include the city's Old Town Square Park, the East Street parking lot and the North Street pedestrian barrier, and the renovation and expansion of the city's Police Department Firearms Training Center located on Pickett Road (public hearing April 22); Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the city used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2013, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the city (public hearing April 30); Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code to increase the wastewater utility rate by 10 percent for fiscal year 2014-15 (public hearing April 30); Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount not to exceed \$8.1 million for the development and improvement of city-owned downtown properties, to include the city's Old Town Square Park, the East Street parking lot and the North Street pedestrian barrier, and the renovation and expansion of the city's Police Department Firearms Training Center on Pickett Road (public hearing

April 22). (*Councilmember DeMarco was absent.*)

Public hearings

- Public hearing on the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15; public hearing continued through April 30.
- Approved unanimously, an ordinance to approve the application for a proffered condition amendment at 10560 Main Street. (*Councilmember DeMarco was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$60,000 to begin phase one of the police firearms training center project. (*Councilmember DeMarco was absent.*)

Actions out of the closed meeting

- Reappoint Chris McGough to the Environmental Sustainability Committee for a two-year term extending through May 8, 2016 and to reappoint Susan Crate to the Environmental Sustainability Committee for a two-year term extending through April 10, 2016. (*Councilmember DeMarco was absent.*)
- Appoint Carolyn Sutterfield to the Fairfax Commission on Aging for a two-year term extending through April 8, 2016. (*Councilmember DeMarco was absent.*)

In Case of Emergency...

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

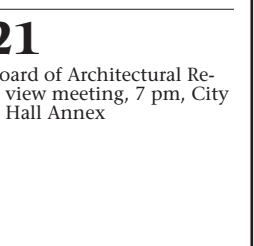
Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		 Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.	 Farmers' Markets held May 10 through November 1, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main and East streets) Saturdays, 8 am to 1 pm; Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com	 1 Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax Symphony, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	 2 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Do You See What I See by Our Daily Bread, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Woodson High School Jazz Band, 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall	 3 General Registrar's Office open from 8:30 am to 5 pm for absentee voting Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours offered from 11 am to 2 pm
 4 Acting for Young People: Willy Wonka Jr., 11 am, noon, 4 pm, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center Marine Corps Chamber Ensemble, 4 pm, Old Town Hall	 5 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) An Evening Under the Stars, 8 pm, George Mason University Observatory (weather permitting)	 6 General Election — polls open from 6 am to 7 pm Election results will be posted on Cityscreen-12 when they are available after polls close Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	 7 Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	 8 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Fairfax Art League Opening Reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall	 9 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) FX Players: 9 to 5, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	 10 SafeAssured ID Kit event, 10 am to 4 pm, Police Station (reservations needed) Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm Virginia Architecture, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
 11 FX Players: 9 to 5, 2 pm, Fairfax High School American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, 3 pm, Center for the Arts	 12 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	 13 Police Chief Rick Rappoport's Farewell Reception, 6 pm, City Hall Atrium City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	 14 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Strategic Plan public workshop, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	 15 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax Academy: Fashion in Motion, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	 16 Bike to Work Day — see page 2 Sherwood Cinema Series: Frozen, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center (food donations accepted by Our Daily Bread) Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	 17 Antique Car Show, 10 am to 3 pm, 10455 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall) Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours offered from 11 am to 2 pm City of Fairfax Band: Springtime Pops, 8 pm, Woodson High School
 18 Northern Virginia Youth Winds, 3 pm, Woodson High School	 19 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	 20 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	 21 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	 22 Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	 23 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	 24 Old Town Fairfax Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm American flag retirement ceremony, 11 am to 6 pm, Quantico National Cemetery
 25 Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Ride of the Patriots event, 6:30-9:30 am, Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Boulevard	 26 Memorial Day Trash and recyclables not collected City government offices and General District Court closed; CUE Bus on Saturday schedule; Fairfax Museum open Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Memorial Day Service, 10:30 am, Veterans Amphitheater	 27 Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables collected Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	 28 Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday	 29 Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Parks and Recreation Advisory Board special meeting — for information, call 703-385-7858	 30 Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday	 31 Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Old Town Fairfax Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Mother-Son Camp Out Set for May 9

Boys age 5-11 and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, older sisters and other adult female relatives/guardians may attend the Mother-Son Camp Out May 9 in Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes dinner, breakfast and s'mores (and campfire). Registration deadline is May 6. For information, call 703-385-7949.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues May 16; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *Frozen* for free at 7 p.m. May 16 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Offered Saturdays

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence — the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance; call 703-385-8414.

Guided Walking History Tours Offered May, 24, 31, Through September

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a 90-minute guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tours step off at 11 a.m. from the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, on May 24 and 31, June 7 and 21, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23 and September 13. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for youth age 6-12 or \$15 per family. Reservations are recommended; call 703-385-8414.

Convertibles, Drivers, Volunteers Sought for Parade July 4

The city seeks convertibles with drivers to drive dignitaries along the parade route at the city's Independence Day Parade July 4. The city also seeks volunteers to help with other events of the day; call 703-385-7858.

This year, the city's Independence Day theme is "Family, Freedom, Fairfax." Uncle Sam has been chosen as the permanent grand marshal of the parade.

Discover Historic Buildings, Cartoonists

Discover secrets about the Old

Dominion's architecture in the traveling exhibition *Architecture in Virginia: The Old Dominion Period* at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center through June 1.

Learn more about Virginia (and local) architecture at a free talk 2 p.m. May 10 at the museum by Margaret Hancock, formerly of the Virginia Center for Architecture. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Through June 28, enjoy the traveling exhibition *German-American Caricaturists in the Civil War* at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Chocolate Recipes Sought for Cookbook

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee seeks your favorite recipes with chocolate as an ingredient for the new Chocolate Lovers Festival Cookbook to be published in 2015.

Please include the following with your submission: your name, phone number (for clarification only), organization or business (if applicable), ingredients (listed in order of use) and recipe directions. Please submit recipes by September 30 to pmaddox@verizon.net. For information, call 703-385-7949.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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